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FOL RPT GABORONE 2582 SENT ACTION SECSTATE AUG 15, 1978

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 2582

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, BC

SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

REF: STATE 204786

1. IN ABSENCE OF EXTAFF MIN MOGWE, EMBOFF RAISED ZIONISM/ RACISM LINKAGE AT WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION WITH EXTAFF DEPUTY SECRETARY MOGAMI AND PASSED AIDE MEMOIRE PARA 1 REFTEL. MOGAMI REPLIED THAT, FOR FINANCIAL AND MANPOWER REASONS, GOB HAD DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN GENEVA MEETING. WITH REGARD TO Z/R LINKAGE, MOGAMI RECALLED THAT BOTSWANA HAD ABSTAINED ON ORIGINAL UNGA RESOLUTION WHICH DESCRIBED ZIONISM AS FORM OF RACISM. HOWEVER, THIS FORMULATION IS NOW INSERTED IN MANY RESOLUTIONS FAVORED BY AFRICAN STATES WHICH BOTSWANA DESIRES TO SUPPORT. ACCORDING TO MOGAMI, GOB HAS DECIDED TO SUPPORT RESOLUTIONS CONTAINING Z/R LINKAGE IF
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THEY WOULD OTHERWISE BE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTSWANA.

2. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT, ALTHOUGH BOTSWANA IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN GENEVA CONFERENCE, WE WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE OUR POSITION ON Z/R LINKAGE FOR THE RECORD. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT US REGRETS NOT BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES

WHICH IT WOULD OTHERWISE SUPPORT, SUCH AS CURRENT
GENEVA MEETING, BECAUSE OF Z/R LINKAGE. MOGAMI
SAID THAT GOB UNDERSTOOD US POSITION. ALBERTI
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